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In re application of

Docket No: Q67010

Kazuya TAKENOUCHI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/035,217

Group Art Unit: 1616

Confirmation No.: 4555

Examiner: Sabiha Naim Qazi

Filed: January 04, 2002

For: VITAMIN D3 DERIVATIVE AND TREATING AGENT FOR INFLAMMATORY RESPIRATORY DISEASE USING SAME

**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM
FOR BENEFIT OF PRIORITY**

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3), Applicants submit a petition to accept the unintentionally delayed claim for benefit of priority in the above-identified patent to International Application No. PCT/JP99/05826, filed on October 22, 1999, in view of the following:

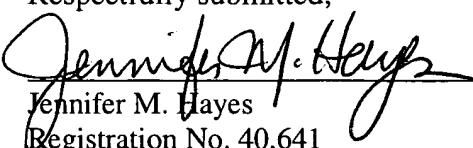
1. The entire delay between the date the claim for benefit of priority was due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date that the claim was unintentional.
2. The reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 120 and paragraph 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2) to the prior filed application is submitted herewith.

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3. A check in the amount of \$1,330.00 for the required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t)
is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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